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NEW SCHEDULE FOR BIG SANDY TRAIN

HAS BROUGHT A STRONG PROTEST ALL ALONG THE VALLEY.

The new C. & O. schedule went into effect Sunday. Two new fast passenger trains were put on the main line, but the Big Sandy division is in much worse condition in point of service. It is worse than our article last week indicated, especially in regard to the Lexington division connections—or disconnections, we should say. Under the old schedule there was close connection at Ashland with a good train from Louisville, enabling passengers to make the trip from Louisville, Frankfort and Lexington in one day. Now this is impossible. The Big Sandy train leaves Ashland one and a half hours before the arrival of the Louisville train and there is no good reason apparent for the change.

There is a great deal of complaint about running this train two hours earlier than before. We have not heard of anyone who is satisfied with the change. No one seems to be able to find any reason for such a remarkable change in schedule. The railroad men consulted say it was done by the "higher ups." Looks like it might have been done by the elevator boy in the office building. Whoever is responsible certainly overlooked the fact that the Big Sandy division is the best paying branch of the C. & O. system, and therefore entitled to better treatment.

Changing the time of this one train has done more damage to the service on Big Sandy than could possibly have been accomplished in any way except to take off the train entirely. It destroys the connection we have had for many years, at Ashland with a fast Louisville train, a first class Cincinnati train, and a B. & O. train at Kenova. The mail and express service are badly crippled also. Louisville morning papers do not reach Big Sandy towns until the following day. The half day in Cincinnati is no longer possible, but Big Sandians are forced to leave at 8:15 a. m. to get home the same day.

It is predicted that at least 60 per cent of the round trips to Huntington, Ashland and other towns will be cut out, because it will require more than one day. The many ladies who have been making these trips unattended will not go now, because they do not like to go to hotels alone, and dislike to remain away from home overnight.

We are informed that petitions and protests are being prepared in the various towns along the Big Sandy, urging a return to the old schedule. Also, a reward will be offered for any reasonable excuse that may be formulated for the new schedule on this division.

ROBBED BY NEGROES.

Three negroes boarded a Norfolk & Western freight car near Kenova, W. Va., early Thursday morning last week and held up Reuben Childress, Jenkins, Ky., who was accompanying his live stock to Columbus, robbed him of \$15 in cash and a gold watch valued at \$45. After they had taken the watch and money, the negroes jumped from the train and made their escape.

When the freight arrived in Portsmouth, Mr. Childress went to the yard office and told of the robbery and detectives were called.

A little after midnight three negroes entered the car and demanded his money. They threatened him with a pistol, took his gold watch, a bill of lading, which they believed to be a valuable paper, and \$36.

After looking around for a few minutes, the trio jumped from the train and made their escape.

TWENTY ROAD DRAGS BOUGHT BY COUNTY.

Lawrence county has purchased twenty steel road drags to be placed with citizens who agree to use them on the public roads. Later we will publish a list of those accepting them. A few have already gone out. These implements are capable of six different adjustments and it is claimed they will do almost the same work as a light road machine if properly used.

THE NEW CHURCH.

The work of tearing down the old M. E. Church South building is completed and excavation for the new building will start at once. The plans have just been received from the architects and the committee will fix an early date for opening bids from contractors.

The bridge company will use the dirt taken out of the basement for a fill on the approach to the Point.

COAL TIPPLE BURNED.

Majestic Kentucky was the scene of a disastrous fire last week one night when the large coal tipple of the Majestic Coal company was burned together with the conveyor, dynamo and motors. The origin of the fire is unknown but is thought to have been set by parties with a grievance against the company. The loss is between \$30,000 and \$40,000, covered by insurance.

CHILDREN'S DAY SUNDAY.

The annual observance of Children's Day by the Sunday school of M. E. Church South will be celebrated at the court house on next Sunday evening. A good program is being prepared and the affair will be enjoyable for all who attend. Everybody invited.

DEATH CLAIMS VALUED EMPLOYEE OF THE C. AND O.

The following from the Ashland Independent refers to a former Lawrence county man, Mr. Williamson having lived near Potter in his youth. He was a son of Sol Williamson and a cousin of the Justice family of Louisa:

Wm. Williamson, aged 47 years, for many years a valued employee of the C. & O. bridge and buildings department, died Saturday morning at the home of his sister, Mrs. Doris Putoff. His death was due to tuberculosis, from which he had been a patient sufferer for many months. Mr. Williamson recently returned from Arizona, where he had spent several months in the hope that the climate there would restore him to health.

Mr. Williamson was chief accountant to G. A. Ward, supervisor of bridges and buildings who died suddenly while in his office shortly before last Christmas, and would have succeeded him had his health been such as to permit him assuming the responsibility.

Mr. Williamson was a man of many noble attributes and his death will be sincerely regretted by all who knew him.

The deceased was survived by two sisters, Mrs. Putoff, Ashland, and Mrs. W. G. Whit, of Russell, and one brother, George Williamson, of Buchanan.

The funeral services were held Monday at 2 o'clock and were in charge of the Masons.

The deceased was a member of the Smith lodge of Masons of Russell, and Ashland lodge of Knights of Pythias.

AUTO STRUCK A TREE.

E. E. Shannon and wife and Mrs. J. C. Adams drove to Ashland last Sunday in his new Overland automobile. Returning in the afternoon they encountered a bad place in the road on East Fork. A hard rain had fallen a short time before and they were running in a rut to avoid skidding. The machine got into a deep place and the chauffeur put on full power. The machine climbed out and plunged forward, severing to the roadside and striking a tree with sufficient force to damage the car and shake up the occupants considerably. The tree probably saved their lives. In response to a telephone call Mr. G. R. Vinson sent his car to the scene and brought the stranded party home. The Overland proved to be not badly damaged and was driven in the next day.

FAMILIES MOVING.

Prof. W. M. Byington will soon move into E. E. Shannon's house on Poyhatan-st., recently vacated by Mont Holt. Mrs. G. R. Roberts and M. M. Elam, who traded residence property a few months ago, completed the exchange yesterday by moving.

Chas. Holbrook has moved his family to Blaine.

SEMI-MONTHLY PAY.

Beginning about June 18 the Chesapeake & Ohio will adopt a semi-monthly payday in Kentucky, in conformity with the new state law. The payments will be made by check, affecting, it is said, all classes of employees.

SEARCH FOR OIL CONTINUES ACTIVELY

PROGRESS IN KENTUCKY FAR IN ADVANCE OF PROVEN AREAS.

Barbourville, Ky., May 28.—For many miles in advance of the established producing areas test drilling for new petroleum fields is now going forward in Kentucky. The performance of some of the districts developed this year has attracted operators from many sections of the country, who formerly regarded this field with suspicion. Last year's record in wells drilled and production developed already exceeded by the figures of the first four months this year, the 1916 season will constitute the most active year in the history of Kentucky developments.

A new center of advance work is the territory northward from Estill-co., extending well into Powell-co. For a distance of 12 miles from the Cowlick district of Estill to the Clay City pool in Powell-co., practically everything has been leased. A new strike developed at Clay City during the week shows a yield of 25 barrels. Through the intervening area between these two established districts there is room for many hundreds wells. Prospecting expenses are very light and a rapid advance will be made on this territory. The sand dips toward Clay City, wells in that direction having to be drilled deeper than those in the Cowlick district. Some of the tests now starting in the Powell county district will go below the shallow formation in a search for deep oil. Among eight recent strikes in the Estill pool is one making 150 barrels daily located closely to a group of 10 and 15 barrel producers. Another strike showing a yield of 40 barrels is about one mile northward from production.

In upper Kentucky Lee county has entered the area of activity, with some test wells starting up this week. This territory is east of the Estill fields and gives promise of yielding some shallow sand wells similar to those found in Estill.

YATESVILLE.

There will be an ice cream festival at this place Saturday evening, June 10, for the benefit of the church.

ANOTHER GOOD WOMAN PASSES AWAY.

Mrs. Amanda Bradley Burns, widow of Lafayette Burns, died Sunday, May 28, 1916. She had been in very feeble health for some years past and was a great sufferer through last winter and this spring.

"Aunt Amanda," as she was called, was well known here, being a daughter of Stephen Bradley, Sr., one of Lawrence county's old-time good citizens. She was a good woman. She was buried on Tuesday amidst the flowers of Decoration Day in Grassland cemetery beside her husband who was my playmate brother in the happy days of our childhood and youth. R.T.BURNS.

FORTY-TWO TEACHERS LICENSED FOR LIFE.

At Frankfort, Ky., last week the State Board of Education, composed of V. O. Gilbert, Superintendent of Public Instruction; M. M. Logan, Attorney General, and James P. Lewis, Secretary of State, granted forty-two life certificates to school teachers.

As usual Lawrence county came in for her share, the following being among the number:

Stanton Miller, Charley Isaac Cunningham, Tuscola; C. B. Stewart, Cadmus.

The names of Wm. Calloway Hall, of Flat Gap and Jas. Edward Tabor, Olive Hill, were also in the list.

\$10,000 DAMAGE SUIT REVERSED BY APPELLATE COURT.

The \$10,000 damage suit of Mrs. Sarah Preston against the Cincinnati Street Railway company has been reversed by the higher court in Ohio. Mrs. Preston lost in the lower court, but her attorney, Mr. Rom Johnson, of Ironton, is confident of finally winning the case, and the reversal indicates that he will do so.

The suit is the result of the death of her son Arch, who was employed by the street railway company and was killed in the service about two years ago. He was the son of Lyle Preston, of Graves Shoals. The case will be tried again at Cincinnati.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED.

At a fraternity banquet given in Lexington, the following announcement was made:

"Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Pence, announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Belle to Mr. George Martin Wolfe, of Catlettsburg and Hazard, Ky."

The marriage will take place in the early fall.

Miss Pence, who is a most attractive and popular young lady, is a graduate of the State University, in which for many years her father has been one of the able instructors.

George Wolfe is only son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Wolfe, of Catlettsburg and is a member of the firm of the Hazard Lumber Co., and is a most successful young business man.

The announcement last week that

NO KNIFE CAN CUT HIS LOVE IN TWO.

Ashland, Ky., May 27.—Lat White, 21 years old, was found staggering toward Ashland by a physician who was returning from a call. White was bleeding profusely from a severed artery in the face. He claims that he was cut with a pocket knife in the hands of his sweetheart following a quarrel. The girl was in company with another young man when she met White. White declines to file any charge against the girl, but says he loves her more than ever.

DEATH OF MRS. HARVEY JOBE, JR., AT OSIE.

The wife of Harvey Jobe, Jr., died at her home near Osie, this county Monday and was buried Wednesday. She was a good woman and will be greatly missed by the community. One of her daughters, Mrs. Jay Rose, of Council Grove, Kansas, arrived at Louisa, Wednesday morning in response to a telegram telling of her mother's critical illness. She did not leave the death until she reached here. The burial was delayed long enough for Mrs. Rose to get out to Osie.

W. H. ADAMS SELLS RESIDENCE.

Dr. C. B. Walters, dentist, has purchased from W. H. Adams the residence property on upper Jefferson-st. Dr. Walters has occupied this property ever since Mr. Adams moved into the comfortable flat over his store.

DESTROYED BY LIGHTNING.

Saturday night the general office building of the E. K. railway at River-ton, near Greenup, was destroyed by fire. Lightning struck the building and set it on fire. Nothing was saved.

SWITCHMAN LOSES LEG.

Kemp Clerk, a young C. & O. switchman of Advance, Ky., was knocked from the top of the car he was riding off the hump when the car struck another car, and his right leg was so badly crushed that amputation was necessary.

He was taken to the Keller hospital, Ironton, where he was reported to be doing nicely, having survived the operation well. He is married.

MONTH OFF FOR TACTICS.

The Norfolk & Western Railroad has notified its employees that, except where important interests of the company may interfere, any one who desires to take his vacation in Military Camps will be allowed a month off with pay, providing they go into military training at Camp Oglethorpe, Ga.

A NOSE FINISH IN THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONTEST

CARTER COUNTY HAD 4671 AND LAWRENCE 4779 IN SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Mr. M. S. Burns, President Lawrence County S. S. Association.

Dear Co Worker:

I am sure you will pardon my delay in answering your letter regarding contest between Carter and Lawrence county. I did not get Carter county paper and failed to see your letter until too late to get an answer to Big Sandy News for publication. I regret to tell you I have had quite a time getting reports. I felt as we were contesting I would be glad to get as many of our reports as I could. I am very glad to tell you Carter has done herself an honor on May 7th. Since my notice to the paper last week, I have received some large reports, making a total of 4671. Olive Hill Baptist just in. I heard with much regret 1023 present in four schools at Grayson is being questioned. I was not in Grayson May 7, but have had this statement verified by many reliable people. A great many came from country, who were not attendants at any school, over one hundred in Normal, as you see this was very easily done.

I made an earnest appeal to my people to be fair and keep Christ before them. Am sending a list of all schools in Carter perhaps you would like to see these reports.

I have enjoyed this contest. I have found out my people will work. My District officers are begging to get their district ready for convention. Now, while it is impossible to clasp hands across the many miles that separate us we feel that we know each other better and in behalf of Carter county I extend to you a hearty invitation to come and bring some of your workers with you to Grayson and attend our county convention. With best wishes I am sincerely,

MRS. CLORAL Q. KITCHEN.

ROSS FUNERAL WAS HELD FRIDAY IN FT. GAY, W. VA.

The funeral of W. P. Ross, Chesapeake & Ohio train dispatcher, who died suddenly Wednesday night, was held Thursday night at the residence in Huntington and the body was taken Friday to Ft. Gay, W. Va., for burial. The funeral was in charge of the Masons and the beautiful floral tribute was sent by Chesapeake & Ohio men at the local offices, where Ross had worked for the past three years. Many railroad men attended the last rites.

WEST VIRGINIA PRIMARY ELECTION NEXT TUESDAY.

The first general primary election in the State of West Virginia under the new law will be held next Tuesday. Both parties are required to make their nominations at this time for State and County offices to be voted for next November. The hottest fight is amongst the Republicans for Governor.

Lilly seems to be the favorite in Wayne county. In the county races the Democrats have a large number of candidates and the voters are not expressing their preferences very freely. The outcome has everybody guessing.

SPECIALISTS BAFFLED.

Mt. Sterling, Ky., May 28.—Teddy Fitzpatrick, 7 years old, died this morning of septic poisoning. The disease baffled physicians and specialists. He was the son of Taylor Fitzpatrick. About ten days ago he went to school as well as usual. He had been in school but several hours, however, when his teacher noticed a swelling in his throat, and thinking he had mumps, sent "Teddy" home.

The lad suffered terribly with violent chills which shook his little body every hour or so. He was taken to a hospital and specialist called, but the disease baffled all.

ROY JORDAN INDICTED FOR FIRST DEGREE MURDER.

At Portsmouth a few days ago Roy Jordan was indicted for the murder of his wife. The charge is first degree. This is the case of the man who moved from Lawrence county to Portsmouth about three years ago. One of his little sons made a statement recently that he committed the murder, but the grand jury seems to have taken a different view of the matter.

ASHLAND MAN INDICTED FOR MANSLAUGHTER.

David Ealey, of Ashland, Ky., was indicted at Portsmouth on a charge of manslaughter. He was driving an automobile which turned over near Sciotoville at midnight May 16 and instantly killed two of its occupants, Mrs. Anna Burgess and two-year-old Grover Atkins, besides seriously injuring two other persons.

MISS PRESTON ACCEPTS POSITION.

Miss Frankie Preston, daughter of Postmaster C. M. Preston of Ashland, left for Atlanta, Ga., where she has been engaged to sing in All Saints Episcopal church for the summer. While absent she will take training in the Atlanta Conservatory of Music.

WERE MARRIED IN PORTSMOUTH.

George Lyons, 25, miner, Paintsville, and Margaret Nelson, 21, Scioto county, were married in Portsmouth yesterday.

MINE FOREMEN EXAMINATION.

Examinations for mine foremen were held at the University of Kentucky, Lexington, with thirty-three applicants in attendance. The examinations are being conducted by the State Board of Examiners, composed of Professor C. J. Norwood, State Mine Inspector, Lexington; J. W. Reed, Lexington, and George Sears, Central City, assistant mine inspectors; A. G. Spillman, Earl-jington, operator-member, and John Brown, Cannel City, miner-member.

The mine foremen's certificates awarded are of three classes, depending on the grades made by the applicant in the examination. The first class certificate permits the applicant to act as foreman of any mine in the State; the second class allows the applicant to act as foreman of any non-gaseous mine in the State and the third class will permit the applicant to act as foreman of any mine employing not more than twenty-five men.

Among those who took the examination are:

Robert C. Asbell, Hazard; Samuel E. Benjey, Carey; L. F. Buckner, Harlan, Ky.; James A. Coos, Van Lear, Ky.; George E. Cecil, Van Lear, Ky.; Joe M. Chandler, Jenkins, Ky.; J. B. Collins, Coalton, Ky.; Francis Grimes, P. O. to July 1st, Inez, Ky.; Home, Six Mile Run, Pa.; James Hopson, Auxier, Ky.; Wm. Harrison, Van Lear, Ky.; Turner Price, Van Lear, Ky.; James E. Powelson, Garrett, Ky.; George W. Ramey, Indian Head, Ky.; William E. Roark, Alex, Ky.; Henry G. Smith, Bell Jellico, Ky.; William H. Turner, Alex, Ky.

REV. McELDOWNEY'S APPOINTMENTS.

Rev. L. E. McEldowney, pastor of the M. E. Church South, Louisa, has accepted the following invitations to preach. These appointments will not interfere with his regular services at the local church, except the Frankfort date, which will keep him away on the morning of June 4th:

First Sunday in June he will preach to the prisoners in the penitentiary at Frankfort.

Second Sunday in June at Horse-

Third Sunday at Bethel tabernacle, Busseyville.

Fourth Sunday at Fallsburg.

All of these country appointments are for 2:00 or 2:30 o'clock.

Rev. McEldowney would preach at Bethel camp ground on the second Sunday in June was an error. It is to be the third Sunday.

BANK'S BUSINESS NOT INTERRUPTED BY FIRE.

The Bank Josephine at Prestonsburg was destroyed by fire, on Wednesday morning of last week, as reported in our last issue. The contents of vaults and safe were not injured. The bank opened for business at 9 o'clock the same morning, in the handsome new law office of Walter S. Harkins. There was \$10,000 insurance on the building, which will go far toward restoring a structure such as the bank requires. The store of W. B. Burke & Co. was the largest of the seven business houses destroyed, except the bank.

DR. C. J. FRENCH DIES SUDDENLY AT HUNTINGTON

APOPLEXY ENDS LIFE OF PHYSICIAN FORMERLY LOCATED AT CRUM.

Dr. Chapman J. French, a physician of Huntington, died suddenly Wednesday night from apoplexy at the Harris hotel in Kenova. According to the statement of Dr. Wright, of Kenova, the Huntington physician was paying a social call to some of his friends in Kenova, being in seeming good health, when he had a fainting spell on the street. Shortly after that he breathed his last in the hotel.

Dr. French had been a resident of Huntington for about two years, removing there from Crum, where he had established a wide practice. Since his residence in Huntington, Dr. French had assumed a place of prominence in his chosen profession.

He is survived by a wife, Mrs. Eula L. French, and two sons, aged two and six years, respectively. The deceased physician was about forty years old.

BOOTLEGGERS RAIDED.

G. W. Mullens, sheriff of Pike-co., Kentucky, assisted by ten of his deputies and Constable Allen Smith, of Sharondale, Ky., raided Pond creek from one end to the other Saturday night and cleared the creek of the bootleggers. It is said there was an abundance of evidence of illegal liquor traffic and that there will be numerous arrests. Good work of those officers. May the good work go on.—Williamson News.

HAMPERED BY WAR.

Washington, May 29.—Within a year after the conclusion of the European war the United States will be criss-crossed with aeroplane mail routes, according to Postmaster General Burleson. The Postoffice Department failed to establish thirteen aerial mail routes in New England and Alaska, as only one bid for one route, an Alaskan one, has been received. The cause of failure was the war, and the war's end will bring success, says Burleson.

Chas. P. Shannon, of Lick creek, has bought a Ford automobile.

SLIGHT AUTO ACCIDENT.

Rev. McEldowney preached last Sunday afternoon at Green Valley to a large audience. The attendance at Sunday school that day at Green Valley was 238, and more than 300 people were present to hear the sermon. G. R. Lewis took Mr. McEldowney out there in his automobile and on the return trip the machine broke over a steep embankment. When near the top of the Riffe hill an axle broke and the car ran backwards down the hill. Mr. Lewis steered it against the hill and thus prevented going over the precipice, but the impact was so strong that all the occupants were considerably shaken up and some of them slightly hurt. Mrs. Lewis was holding her little boy and he was thrown up on the bank and rolled down under the machine. Little Walter McEldowney was thrown out. Neither child was injured. Mrs. McEldowney and Mrs. Lewis were severely shaken up. The preacher has a few bruises. They were all brought home in another machine.

A VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION COMES FROM TENNESSEE.

Mrs. Ida McElrath Woodward, now of Newport, Tenn., has sent to Mrs. F. T. D. Wallace, Sr., an unsolicited contribution to the new building about to be erected by the M. E. Church South at Louisa.

In the course of her letter she says: "I feel a great interest in the Louisa church. It was there many years ago that you taught me the first commandment. I still treasure all the little booklets you gave me as Christmas remembrances when I was a member of your class."

VINSON-COMPTON.

Mr. Leonard Compton and Miss Shirley Vinson were married Wednesday evening at the home of Lindsay Pigg, near Busseyville. They drove out there in an automobile, taking Rev. M. A. Hay with them. This aroused public suspicion and the expected happened. After the ceremony the parties returned to Louisa, and were greeted by a crowd of small boys composing a charivari party. Also, by relatives and friends, who extended their blessings and best wishes.

The bride is an exceptionally pretty and bright young lady, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Vinson. Mr. Compton is a young man of integrity and excellent standing in the community. He is a fine machinist and is well established in business in Louisa.

RESULT OF LAWRENCE COUNTY TEACHERS EXAMINATION.

The recent examination of teachers is reported to have been very difficult and the result in Lawrence county seems to bear that out. There were 47 failures out of 85 applicants. The following made first class certificates: J. N. Holbrook, John Boggs, Irene Pickrel, Ethel Layne, Arthur Morris, W. S. Boggs, Jeff Miller, Henry Boggs, J. M. Moore, Nora Sammons, J. D. Adams, Wade Blevins, Beva Jackson and Dora Johns.

ANOTHER VICTIM FOUND.

A drowned white man, undoubtedly another victim of the towboat Sam Brown, which blew up opposite Huntington, W. Va., February 2, 1916, when eleven lives were snuffed out, was recovered from the river Tuesday morning near the government dam at Burlington.

The body shows that it has been imbedded in the mud and from the mode of dress, the man perhaps was an engineer on the ill-fated boat.

\$3,500,000 CONTRACT LET.

Richmond, Ky., May 29.—Mason & Hanger's home office at this place has received advice from Col. H. B. Hanger that their firm was the successful bidder on another section of the subway in Brooklyn, N. Y. The amount of the contract is about \$1,500,000.

This makes \$3,500,000 in contract that the Mason & Hanger Company has gotten in the past ten days in New York City. They will begin work on these jobs as soon as possible.

\$65,000 IMPROVEMENT FOR RUSSELL.

The C. & O. railway company has let the contract for the excavations for their South yards at Russell, Boggs and Steel of Ashland were among the successful firms. A Louisville firm was the other successful bidder. The contracts amounted to \$65,000.

HUNG JURY IN CATLETTSBURG.

The case of Hummick vs. Geo. Hogg, etc., civil action for assault and battery at Jenkins on the 27th of last June, was tried out and resulted in a mistrial, by the jury failing to agree. The case was then continued till the next December term of court.

J. H. WOODS BUYS RESIDENCE.

James H. Woods has bought H. C. Sullivan's residence property on the corner of Perry and Lady Washington streets and will occupy it later on. Mr. Woods is one of the county's leading citizens and we are glad to have him and his good family as residents of Louisa. They have lived here since last fall.

A PRICE ON HIS HEAD.

Frankfort, Ky., May 28.—Gov. Stanley to-day offered a reward of \$150 for the arrest of Grant Gilkerson, who escaped from the Rowan county jail, where he was held in a charge of murder, six years ago.